

REMARKS

In response to the request made by Examiner Carlson on July 26, 2005 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, Applicants submit herewith a substitute “Sequence Listing” in paper copy (117 pages).

Applicants submitted a computer readable copy of the substitute “Sequence Listing” on a 3½ inch diskette, in ASCII format as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e). In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the undersigned hereby states that the content of the computer readable disk copy of the substitute “Sequence Listing” and the paper copy of the “Sequence Listing” submitted herewith are the same.

Support for the substitute Sequence Listing can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 23, lines 20 and 23, in Appendix I, in Appendix III, and Figures 1, 2 and 3.

The undersigned certifies his belief that the Sequence Listing information recorded in computer readable form (CRF) is identical to the written (on compact disc) Sequence Listing submitted herewith.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a), the undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper copy of the “Sequence Listing” submitted herewith does not introduce new matter.

Pursuant to the “Printer Rush” of July 12, 2005, Applicant has recreated page 44 to exclude shading in Table I. No new matter has been introduced as Applicant has replicated page 44 with the exception of not shading the tiles of Table I.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments as set forth above.

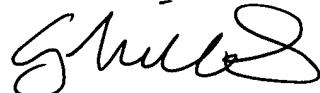
Applicants appreciate Examiner Carlson's diligence with resolving these formal matters.

Applicants believe that incorporation of the amendments and consideration of the above remarks have placed this application in a condition for allowance. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Petition for One-Month Extension of Time w/Authorization to Charge Deposit Account in Amount of \$55.00
 Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notice to Comply
 Version with Markings to Show Changes Made
 Copy of Notice to Comply
 Substitute Sequence Listing (117 Pages)
 CRF Diskette containing substitute Sequence Listing
 Figures 1, 2, and 3 with Proposed Amendments



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